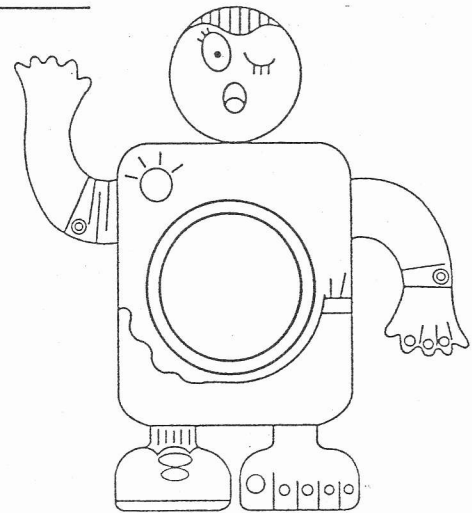


Family Letter



Dear Family,

Hello, hello! I'm Mr. O. I'm opposite—in case you didn't know. Whatever you say, I say the opposite. Whatever you do, I do the opposite. This may seem odd, but it's true.

In school, we have played an Opposite game. One person says a word; then the other person says the opposite of that word. Your child will enjoy playing this game with you.

- ✓ Start by saying a word that has an easy opposite, such as hot. Ask your child to say the opposite (cold). Do this with several words. (Here are some other possibilities: fast/slow, on/off, up/down, empty/full, yes/no.)
- ✓ Then turn the game around. Have your child say a word, and you say the opposite.

One great thing about being opposite is that this helps everyone remember my special sound. When you and your child work—and play—with my sound, remember that it's like the o in top. (It's true that I sometimes use different sounds, but your child has been learning about my "opposite" sound.)

- ✓ Play Prove It with your child. Say "o-o-o-octopus." Here are some other fun words that start with my sound: ostrich, on, octagon. The next time you and your child see a STOP sign, encourage your child to count the sides of the sign. A STOP sign is an octagon, with eight sides. (The word part oct- means "eight.")

Sincerely,

Mr. O